

# Alternative Fuel Decal Rates for 2004

# Dear User of Alternative Fuel:

Enclosed is an application (Form DR-248) to obtain an Alternative Fuel Decal(s) for 2004. It is extremely important that you complete and sign the application and return it with the proper fee. Mail the application and fee to: Florida Department of Revenue, Central Registration Fuel Unit, P.O. Box 6480, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6480.

### The 2004 Alternative Fuel Decal fees are as follows:

Class A Vehicles	\$183.70
Class B Vehicles	\$250.50
Class C Vehicles	\$350.70
(See reverse side for definitions of the classes of vehicles.)	

All rates or fees are the same for each class of vehicle regardless of the county. Though the fees are consistent for each class, it is extremely important for revenue distribution purposes that each county is credited for the correct number of alternative vehicles registered in its county.

Below is an alphabetical list of counties with corresponding county number. Please provide the correct county code when completing the renewal application.

11	Alachua	28	Flagler	45	Lake	62	Pinellas
12	Baker	29	Franklin	46	Lee	63	Polk
13	Bay	30	Gadsden	47	Leon	64	Putnam
14	Bradford	31	Gilchrist	48	Levy	65	St. Johns
15	Brevard	32	Glades	49	Liberty	66	St Lucie
16	Broward	33	Gulf	50	Madison	67	Santa Rosa
17	Calhoun	34	Hamilton	51	Manatee	68	Sarasota
18	Charlotte	35	Hardee	52	Marion	69	Seminole
19	Citrus	36	Hendry	53	Martin	70	Sumter
20	Clay	37	Hernando	54	Monroe	71	Suwannee
21	Collier	38	Highlands	55	Nassau	72	Taylor
22	Columbia	39	Hillsborough	56	Okaloosa	73	Union
23	Dade	40	Holmes	57	Okeechobee	74	Volusia
24	DeSoto	41	Indian River	58	Orange	75	Wakulla
25	Dixie	42	Jackson	59	Osceola	76	Walton
26	Duval	43	Jefferson	60	Palm Beach	77	Washington
27	Escambia	44	Lafayette	61	Pasco		

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Alternative fuel as defined by Section 206.86(11) Florida Statutes, means liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas product or combination thereof used in an internal combustion engine or motor to propel any form of vehicle, machine, or mechanical contrivance. This term shall include, but not be limited to, all forms of fuel commonly or commercially known or sold as butane gas, propane gas or any other form of liquefied petroleum gas, or compressed natural gas.

All owners or operators of vehicles powered by alternative fuel shall obtain a valid Alternative Fuel Use Permit from the Department of Revenue. The owners or operators of such vehicles shall, in lieu of the excise tax imposed by Chapter 206, F.S., pay an annual decal fee on each motor vehicle in accordance with the current rate schedule.

The Department shall issue annual decals beginning January 1st of each year, and the decal shall be valid for the period January 1st through December 31st of each year of issuance. The decal shall be attached to the upper right corner of the front windshield; for motorcycles or like vehicles the decal shall be placed where it is plainly visible at all times, on the motor vehicle for which it is issued.

Persons fueling vehicles from their own facilities shall, in addition to the state alternative fuel fee imposed by s.s. 206.877(b) and 336.026(1)(b), F.S., pay a fee for each cent of tax imposed by counties under s. 336.021 and 336.025, F.S. The annual decal fee shall be \$11.00 for each cent of tax imposed on Class A vehicles, \$15.00 for such tax on Class B vehicles, and \$21.00 for such tax on Class C vehicles. Those persons who do not operate their own fueling facilities shall indicate and pay the appropriate local fee for the particular county where the vehicles are predominately used.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle required to have a decal upon the highways of this state without a decal unless such motor vehicle is titled outside the state.

No person shall cause to be put or put liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle required to have an alternative fuel decal unless the vehicle has such decal attached to it as required by this section. Sales of fuel placed into such vehicle displaying a decal shall be recorded upon an invoice, which shall include the decal number, the motor vehicle license number, and the number of gallons placed into the motor vehicle.

A valid identifying decal issued to a motor vehicle shall be transferable for the remainder of the issuance period upon change of ownership of the motor vehicle if the owner notifies the Department of such transfer within 10 days.

# Class Codes are defined as the following:

- Class A Motorcycles; mopeds; motorized bicycles; automobiles for private use; trucks whose net weight does not exceed 5,000 pounds; antique trucks with a net weight of not more than 3,000 pounds, manufactured more than 20 years prior to the current date, or an engine manufactured to the specifications of the original engine; motor vehicles for hire which transport less than nine passengers; recreational vehicles or motor homes whose net weight is less than 4,500 pounds.
- Class B Semi-trailers equipped with machinery and designed for the exclusive purpose of well drilling, excavating, construction, spraying or similar activity; school buses used exclusively to transport pupils to and from school or church activities or functions within their county; motor vehicles operated solely as a wrecker, owned and operated by a garage in connection with its regular business: a hearse or ambulance: motor vehicles for hire which transport nine passengers or more; recreational vehicles or motor homes whose net weight is 4.500 pounds or more: motor vehicles for hire operated wholly within a city or within 25 miles thereof.
- **Class C** Heavy trucks or truck tractors whose gross vehicle weight is 5,001 pounds or more.